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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - DRAFT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SUPPORT TO GOM.

REF: (A) TELCON DUGSTAD-COX-MCLAUGHLIN JULY 21; (B) MEXICO 11271; (C) 76 MEXICO 5692; (D) 76 STATE 239062

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM REFTELCON THAT DEPARTMENT PREFERS NOT TO AMEND 29 JANUARY 1976 AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED IN REF (B) SINCE THAT AGREEMENT WAS AVIATION-RELATED, AND DID NOT CONCERN COMPUTERIZATION OF GOM NARCOTICS EFFORT. EMBASSY THEREFORE PROPOSES TO EFFECT SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON COMPUTERIZATION SUB-PROJECT. PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS OF AGREEMENT FOLLOWS. (STANDARD LANGUAGE WOULD BE USED FOR INTRODUCTION AND PARAGRAPHS ON APPLICABILITY OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS AND ACCEPTABILITY TO GOM.):

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(A) "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND FUNDING ON AN ADVANCE OR REIMBURSEABLE BASIS, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, FOR THE COMPUTERIZATION OF INFORMATION IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL PRODUCTION OF AND TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS. THE COST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSES SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED

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THOUSAND DOLLARS (US$200,000).

(B) "THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE: (1) COMPUTER TIME ON A COMPUTER SUITED FOR PROGRAMS OF THE TYPE REQUIRED; (2) NECESSARY SUPPORT FACILITIES IN-CLUDING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN TERMINALS TO BE PROVIDED AND AN EXISTING COMPUTER; AND (C) ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO MAN A COMPUTER CENTER AND SATELITE TERMINALS TO SERVE THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT."
2. BACKGROUND: WE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (AG) HAVE PERCEIVED THE NEED FOR COMPUTERIZATION OF THE NAR-COTICS PROGRAM FOR WELL OVER A YEAR. IN REF(C) THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM BE LAUNCHED, AND THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THE SERVICES OF A COMPUTER SPECIALIST TO MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS (SEE MEMORANDUM OF 16 JUNE 1976 TO S/NM FROM MICHAEL J. MERCURIO).

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT STALLED WHEN EMBASSY AND FORMER AG'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER REACHED IMPASSE OVER WHETHER SYSTEM SHOULD BE DEDICATED IN-HOUSE FACILITY OR BEGIN WITH TIME-SHARING. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT (REF D), EMBASSY ADVOCATED TIME-SHARING FACILITY WHICH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. THIS IM-PASSE WAS RESOLVED BY AG FLORES WHO WROTE EMBASSY ON JUNE 29 (TEXT CONTAINED IN REF B) AND STATED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOM ALREADY HAS SUFFICIENT COMPUTER CAPACITY AND THAT ONLY ADDITIONAL TERMINALS WILL BE NEEDED.

3. PROJECT GOAL: TO COMPUTERIZE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT, RECORDS OF THE AG'S OFFICE IN THE FIELDS OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION (NARCOTICS OFFENDER DATA BASE, VEHICLE AND AIRCRAFT LOOKOUTS, JUDICIAL CASE FOLLOW-UPS, ETC.) AND ADMINISTRATION (AVIATION SPARE PARTS, IN-VENTORY CONTROL, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULING, MAIN-TENANCE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, LOGISTICS SUP-PORT FOR SPRAYING OPERATIONS, ETC.).

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AG HAS OBTAINED AGREEMENT OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO USE ON TIME-SHARING BASIS ONE OF LATTER'S TWO "CYBERDATA" CENTRAL PROCESSING UNITS, PRO-VIDED AG'S OFFICE PROVIDES ITS OWN TERMINALS. AG HAS THUS FAR OBTAINED TWO PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL COMPUTER FIRMS FOR SYSTEMS WHICH, USING AGRICULTURE COMPUTER, WOULD PRO-VIDE TERMINALS IN SIX LOCATIONS IN AG'S OFFICE, PLUS ADDITIONAL TERMINALS AT MEXICO CITY HANGAR, CULIACAN, TIJUANA, NUEVO LAREDO, GUADALAJARA, AND JUAREZ. PRO-POSALS THUS FAR RECEIVED PROVIDE FOR EITHER OUTRIGHT

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PURCHASE OF TERMINAL INSTALLATIONS AT COST OF ABOUT
DOLS 285,000 INSTALLED, OR LEASE-PURCHASE AT COST OF
ABOUT DOLS 100,000 PER YEAR OF WHICH 70 PERCENT WOULD BE
APPLIED TOWARD PURCHASE PRICE IF OPTION TO PURCHASE
EXERCISED. NECESSARY SOFTWARE AND TRAINING OF OPERATING
PERSONNEL ARE INCLUDED. THUS FAR, AG OFFICE HAS HIRED
NINE ADP TECHNICIANS AND IN PROCESS OF RENOVATING OFFICES
IN AG BUILDING TO HOUSE SYSTEM AND PERSONNEL.

5. RECOMMENDATION: WE BELIEVE ONE-YEAR TRIAL ON RENTAL
BASIS WOULD BE PREFERABLE, BUT HAVE WORDED TEXT OF
AGREEMENT IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE COULD PURCHASE EQUIPMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES IF DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH VENDORS
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SHOW THAT PURCHASE MORE DESIRABLE. PROPOSED ASSISTANCE
LEVEL (DOLS 200,000) HAS AMPLE PROVISION FOR TDY SPECIAL-

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ISTS IF NEEDED, VENDOR MAINTENANCE (ABOUT DOLS 25,000
PER YEAR) AND UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AS PROPOSED IN PARA ONE ABOVE. LUCEY

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